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SUBJECT: SECVISIT: UNGA - CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER

USUN FOR THE SECRETARY

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1. DURING CONVERSATION AT AIRPORT SEPT 23 PRIOR HIS DEPARTURE FOR UNGA, FONMIN LARAKI, PROFESSING HIMSELF CONCERNED AT MIDDLE EAST DEVELOPMENTS, SAID IT WOULD BE USEFUL IF SECRETARY COULD STOP IN RABAT AT SOME POINT DURING HIS UPCOMING TRIP. STOP WOULD BE PARTICULARLY OPPORTUNE SINCE RABAT WAS TO BE VENUE FOR ARAB SUMMIT. LARAKI SAID HE WOULD RAISE THIS WITH SECRETARY WHEN HE SAW HIM IN NEW YORK.

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2. LARAKI ALSO RAISED ACCOUNTS, WHICH HAD APPEARED IN

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LOCAL PRESS OVER WEEKEND, OF U.S. TANK DELIVERIES TO ISRAEL. "YOU KNOW BETTER THAN I," HE SAID, "HOW LONG IT TAKES TO GET VERY MODEST AMOUNT OF EQUIPMENT," YET ISRAELIS SEEM TO BE RECEIVING 200 M-60S WITH MINIMAL DELAY. ARABS, LARAKI SAID, DO NOT WANT PRIVILEGED POSITION BUT DO WISH TO BE TREATED EQUALLY. U.S., FONMIN NOTED, HAS MADE EXCELLENT BEGINNING IN MIDDLE EAST, AND IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT IN FORTHCOMING UNGA WE SHOW ARABS THAT THEY NOT SECOND BEST. I HAD IMPRESSION THAT THIS LAST REMARK REFERRED TO QUESTION OF PLO OBSERVER STATUS IN UN.

3. I ASKED LARAKI WHAT HE THOUGHT OF JORDAN'S ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WOULD NOT CONSULT FURTHER ON RESUMPTION OF GENEVA CONFERENCE UNTIL ARAB SUMMIT OCTOBER 26. LARAKI NOTED THAT THERE ARE STILL MORE THAN FOUR WEEKS TO GO, AND SAID THAT ANYTHING COULD HAPPEN IN THAT PERIOD.

4. COMMENT: LARAKI'S REMARK ABOUT SEEING SECRETARY IN NEW YORK IS MOST FORMAL REQUEST FOR BILATERAL WE HAVE RECEIVED FROM GOM THUS FAR. AS NOTED RABAT 3719 AND 4419, WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL FOR SECRETARY TO MEET WITH HIM.
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